



# *A. Linwood Holton Governor's School*

January 25, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The A. Linwood Holton Governor's School Astronomy, Physics and Engineering/Robotics classes will hold their "2011-2012" field trip on March 16-18, 2012. First and second semester students are encouraged to attend this educational adventure, not only for the learning experience and the social interaction with their peers, but to fulfill the requirements for dual enrollment. Students will be visiting Green Bank, West Virginia to tour the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. The field trip will begin with registration on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. Please go directly to the bus at that time. The trip will conclude on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. If you will be picking up your daughter/son at the end of the field trip, please be at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center around the appointed time. Our bus drivers will make every effort to adhere to the stated schedule.



The National Radio Astronomy Observatory was founded in 1956 in Green Bank, West Virginia. The Observatory's first telescope, the Tatel 85 Foot, was completed in 1959. In 1962, the 300 Foot telescope was completed followed by the 140 Foot telescope in 1965. The Observatory's newest telescope, the Green Bank Telescope, was completed in the summer of 2001. Two of the largest radio telescopes in the world are located there.

Students will get to tour the facility and get a close look at how these fantastic instruments of sophisticated technology function. Groups of students in harmonious teamwork will get to make a radio scan using the 40-foot diameter radio telescope. The NRAO education officer will provide instruction on the operation of the telescope. Various radio sources will be assigned to each group of students in which they will submit their radiographs for each source.

In order to make this adventure an enjoyable learning experience for everyone, all students will need to abide by the following:

### ***Participation:***

- It is not a requirement to attend this field trip, although lab requirements and scientific explorations will be fulfilled at this time. *Spring semester students who do not participate in this trip will be required to complete a research project that will be assigned by their instructor.*
- All students who register for this field trip will be required, without exception, to participate in ALL activities of the field trip.

### ***Transportation:***

- Students will travel by charter bus.

### ***Luggage, etc.:***

- Students will be allowed one (1) medium sized piece of luggage. This luggage **MUST** display a nametag.
- Students will provide their own sleeping bag, flashlight, pillow, towels, and toiletry needs (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.).

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***Accommodations:***

- Students will be staying overnight at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. In case of emergencies, the telephone number of the observatory is (304) 456-2011. Only when necessary will students be allowed to receive or make telephone calls, local or long distance. Since this is a radio quiet zone, cell phones will not work at Green Bank. Students will need to use a calling card.
- Students and parents will be responsible for any additional charges.
- Students will be considerate of others during their stay and will abide by the rules set forth within the permission form.

***Cost:***

- Students will need to send a check in the amount of \$50.00 to the Governor's School. This money **MUST BE RECEIVED at the Governor's School by February 21, 2012.**
- **(Do NOT send cash, a money order, or cashier's check please.)**
- Students should bring extra spending money for meals traveling to and from, as well as for incidentals. Meals at the Observatory will be provided.

**Please sign and return the following to the Governor's School by February 21, 2012:**

- (1) Permission Form
- (2) Emergency Medical Form
- (3) Participant Waiver and Hold Harmless Release
- (4) A check made out to the Linwood Holton Governor's School for \$50.00.

Please send to the attention of:

**A. Linwood Holton Governor's School  
Attn: Field Trip  
P.O. Box 1987  
Abingdon, VA 24212**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (276) 619-4326. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Danny Dixon*

Danny Dixon, Director  
A. Linwood Holton Governor's School

Enclosures:      Permission Form  
                         Emergency Form  
                         Participant Wavier and Hold Harmless Form



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## Permission Form

The following guidelines must be adhered to while participating in any A. Linwood Holton Governor's School field trip. Violation of these standards may result in immediate return of the student as well as subsequent disciplinary action.

1. Any student who drives to the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center must park his or her vehicle in the parking lot across the culvert (below I-81). Students will not be allowed access to personal vehicles until all school activities are completed.
2. No alcohol or other illegal substances are allowed. Any violation will result in immediate dismissal.
3. No cigarettes or tobacco products are permitted.
4. Females are not allowed in the male rooms at any time and males are not allowed in the female rooms at any time.
5. Students will be in their rooms by 11:00 p.m., unless otherwise stated.
6. Students will participate in all activities as arranged by the Governor's School.
7. Students will conduct themselves as young adults at all times and remember their actions are reflective of the home and the Governor's School.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print), plan to participate in the Governor's School "NRAO 2011-2012" field trip. I have read and understand the rules stated above. I agree to abide by these rules and realize that I can be dismissed from the program for failure to comply with them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I have read the guidelines above, and I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Governor's School field trip as scheduled. If needed, I can be reached during the day at \_\_\_\_\_ or the evening at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED  
TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL  
BY FEBRUARY 21, 2012.**



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM

(Please type or print)

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (EVENING) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any significant health problems that might be important to a physician evaluating this student in case of an emergency. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medications, allergies, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is student presently taking medication? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what type of medication? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list date of last tetanus shot. \_\_\_\_\_

During Governor's School, students will be participating in a variety of activities. If there are any activities that this student should not or cannot participate in, please list below.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION:**

IN THE EVENT THAT I CANNOT BE REACHED IN AN EMERGENCY, I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION TO THE PHYSICIANS SELECTED BY THE A. LINWOOD HOLTON GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL TO SECURE PROPER TREATMENT FOR THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

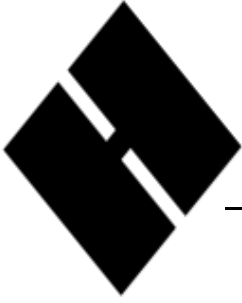
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER OR PHOTOCOPY OF CARD \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME EMERGENCY TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING EMERGENCY TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_



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January 25, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As you know, the A. Linwood Holton Governor's School is planning a high quality field trip in the near future; it is as follows:

Dr. Steve Rapp is taking his Astronomy, Physics, and Engineering/Robotics students to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia; transportation will be by chartered bus. This trip starts on Friday morning, March 16<sup>th</sup>, with a return on Sunday afternoon, March 18, 2012.

Unfortunately, there are many perils in the world today; sadly, some new and different ones may exist in our own Country. The A. Linwood Holton Governor's School will make every effort to secure and maintain the safety of your son or daughter while we are taking any Governor's School trip. We have adequate and qualified adult supervision and expect the very best conduct and deportment from your son or daughter. Because of this fact, we ask that you sign and return the enclosed Participant Waiver and Hold Harmless Form.

Sincerely,

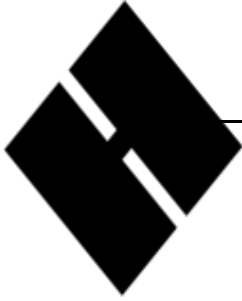
*Danny Dixon*

Danny Dixon, Director  
A. Linwood Holton Governor's School

Enclosure

**This enclosed form needs to be in  
our office by February 21, 2012.**

***Failure to do so will result in your  
money being refunded and your  
son/daughter not being allowed to go  
on any of our trips. In this case, his  
or her grade will not be  
affected by your action.***



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### **PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS**

#### **A. Linwood Holton Governor's School**

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in any of the field trips during this current school year (herein referred to as **ACTIVITY**) hereby **RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS** any and all purposes A. Linwood Holton Governor's School, all participating district county school boards, the A. Linwood Holton Governing Board, and their officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees (herein referred to as **RELEASEES**) **FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH**, that may be sustained by me while participating in such activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by **RELEASEES**. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate.
2. I am fully aware that there may be inherent risks involved with **ACTIVITY**, and I choose to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me and my property. **I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH**, that may be sustained by me as a result of participating in said activity. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the **RELEASEES** for any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, which may occur as a result of my participation in said activity. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the **RELEASEES** in the event that some problem or accident should occur, or that some Unforeseen Act of God or Nature, or any action or inaction by the **RELEASEES** resulting in injury or harm, or terrorist activity, should be encountered.
3. I understand that **RELEASEES** do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage.
4. It is my express intent that this Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

5. In signing this Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing agreement that has been reduced to writing have been made. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete considerations fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future.

**SIGNED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If Participant is under 18 years old)

**WITNESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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